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Dear Paul,

Pp. 3-4 were missing from EOC 9.2. However, I was interested in your reporting of the Eddowes concoction of a KGB/Novotny/ JFK affair and in the excerpting of the London Review of Books account.

On its face the Eddowes imaginings do not makes sense. One of the obvious reasons is that the USSR preferred JFK to Nixon before that election and there is a story, and I'm not aware of confirmation, that Khruschev offered to help JFK in some way and did by withholding the release of some pre-U2 spiers until JFK was elected. The Summers account is typical: he prints two absolute disproofs and still handles the fabrication as reality.

The word "poon" is attributed to JFK. In my youth there was the word "poontang," and perhaps they are not identical but related. In any event, it would have been poon with one helluva tang if Novotny had bedded JFK during the campaign, which is what Summers says, because she did not get to the US for the first time until well after the election. That would have been poon with one helluva tang!

One of the facsimiles in the book is an FBI report stating what I say above, from records, that she didn't get to the US until well after the election.

I've read the so-called "American connection" chapters of both books and there is nothing to them except what is made up, I suppose beginning with Eddowes. But it is commercial, so what the hell, why not use it? He's dead anyway, isn't he?

You say, "'Honettrap' may well not include all that the authors learned about the American connection." Actually, it includes what they did not learn.

Disassociate me, if anyone ever asks, from, "The case against Blakey . . . rests to a considerable extent on a very positive view of the work of the HSCA under Richard A. Sprague."

I don't know anything "positive" or in any way good that the former Phila. prosecutor did on or for that committee. In fact, as Ken Brooten will confirm, having phoned me after Sprague got cut down, I warned him in advance of both the error of his ways, to repeat a well-known phrase, and what would happen to him. Ken was there when I first met with Sprague, Jim Lesar the second time.

The missing part of my copy relates to Ted Gandolfo. Last I heard from him, and it was some time ago, his wife had been struck and seriously injured by a hit-and-run driver near where they live. People saw what happened but nobody got the license number.

Sincerely,

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